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(C) Emboff presented reftel request for a joint demarche on the treatment of the families of Chinese political prisoners to MFA Human Rights Unit Director Johanna Suurpaa on August 11. Suurpaa said that the EU had demarched Beijing on the treatment of the three families mentioned reftel in the last few weeks. On August 11, for instance, a general demarche to Beijing on the situation of Uighers also expressed concern about the plight of Rebiya Kadeer's family. As such, Finland and presumably other EU members would not be willing to approach Beijing again so soon via a joint demarche. Noting that the EU demarches had resulted in a disappointing response and no exchange of information, Suurpaa encouraged a separate U.S. demarche so that China would receive the same message from several sources. Human rights will come up in a general context during the September 10-11 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Helsinki, and Chinese human rights concerns will be discussed in the margins, according to Suurpaa. A fuller exchange will occur on October 23 during the EU-China Human Rights Dialogue.

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